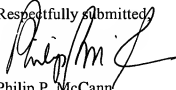


### Remarks

The Examiner has allowed claims 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 and 26 in the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002.

In view of the foregoing amendments, this case is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain unresolved, applicant would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

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